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THE COB NUT.

This Nut is well known, and cultivated in most parts of the kingdom; and large quantities of its fruit are sent, from the county of *Kent* especially, for the supply of the *London* market; where, however, it is not held in equal estimation with the *Filbert*, its shell being harder, and the kernel less sweet and melting: but it possesses the advantage of large size, and is considered a very hardy, as well as productive variety.

The plants are of luxuriant growth: leaves large: fruit usually produced in clusters of three or four. The husks are broad, especially at the base, and are more open, and not so deeply lacinated, as those of the *Filbert*. The nut is very large, broad, and somewhat flat: the shell thick, hard, of a pale brown colour, much ribbed: the flesh white, generally not filling the whole of the shell. This variety usually ripens in *October*, rather later than the *Filbert*.

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